



MEDUSA CEPHEA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Corpus gelatinosum, orbiculatum, depresso.
Os subtus, centrale.*

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1096.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MEDUSA hemisphærico-depressa fusco-rufescens,
subtus brachiis octo apice villosis, tentacu-
lisque novem filiformibus longissimis.

MEDUSA hemisphærica tuberculata fusco-rufes-
cens, margine crenato, brachiis subtus octo
lanatis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3158.

Forsk. Fn. Aegypt. Arab. p. 108. n. 22.

Medusa Cephea, quæ inter majores numeratur,
pellucida admodum est, et gelata, pallidusque fusco-
rufescens, in nonnullis partibus obscurior et fere
subcærulea. Circa litora maris rubri, non infre-
quens reperitur.

THE
CEPHEAN MEDUSA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body gelatinous, orbicular, commonly depressed.
Mouth central, beneath.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

HEMISPHERIC-DEPRESSED REDDISH-BROWN MEDUSA; furnished with eight arms, villous at their extremities, and with nine very long filiform tentacula.

This is one of the larger Medusæ: it is extremely pellucid, of a gelatinous consistence, and of a pale reddish-brown color, tinged in some parts with a darker hue, approaching nearly to bluish. It is not uncommon towards the coasts of the Red Sea.